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SUBJECT: INVENTORY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRADE PROBLEMS

1. ONE OF THE KEY AREAS OF LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN HAS BEEN THAT OF US-LATIN AMERICAN TRADE ISSUES. THIS WAS HIGH-LITED BY THE MEXICO CITY AND WASHINGTON FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS AND BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S TRADE CONSULTATION TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES IN THE TRADE FIELD, THE DEPARTMENT IS IDENTIFYING THE SIGNIFICANT COUNTRY-SPECIFIC TRADE PROBLEMS OF THE REGION'

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A PRE-

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LIMINARY INVENTORY OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE ISSUES AFFECTING

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (SEE PARA. 3). THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN GROUPED UNDER FOUR GENERAL HEADINGS WHICH INCLUDE PROBLEMS THAT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS WITH THE US AS WELL AS PROBLEMS WE HAVE WITH THEM. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE LISTING AND SUBMIT ANY ADDITIONS OR COMMENTS BY AUGUST 9.

3.A. PRINCIPAL DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRADE ISSUES WITH THE US:

1. CONTINUATION OF US SUGAR QUOTA.
2. PUERTO RICO LIMITATIONS ON IMPORTS OF A LARGE NUMBER OF DOMINICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.
3. US QUOTA ON MILK PRODUCTS AND CHEESE.
4. LIMITATIONS ON STEEL SCRAP EXPORTS FROM THE US.

B. PRINCIPAL US TRADE PROBLEMS WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

1. BAUXITE. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE TAX REVENUES FROM BAUXITE EXPORTS AND IS NOW NEGOTIATING WITH ALCOA FOR THIS PURPOSE.
2. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF DOMINICAN MUSHROOM EXPORTS TO US COULD INTENSIFY DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRESSURE FOR RESTRAINT PROGRAM.

C. PRINCIPAL DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRADE PROBLEMS WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES: NONE IDENTIFIED.

D. PRINCIPAL DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRADE PROBLEMS WITH NON-HEMISPHERIC COUNTRIES: NONE IDENTIFIED. KISSINGER

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